

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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Welcome to our church, especially if you are a visitor or a newcomer

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Opening Hymn: **268** Our God reigns

Readings: Jeremiah 31.31-34 Owen Prince  
Hebrews 5.5-10 Meriel Orton

Gradual Hymn: **106** Christ be beside me

Gospel: John 12.20-33

Sermon

Intercessions: Rob Holdsworth

To the bidding: Let your name be glorified:  
Please respond: **let your will be done.**

Offertory Hymn: **272** I am the bread of life

Communion Hymns:

**228** I watch the sunrise

**513** Now the green blade riseth

**147** Do not be afraid

Final Hymn: **227** Go tell everyone



## **AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS – 10.00AM**

Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits are served in church following the 10.00am service.

Why not stay for a drink and a chat. It's a chance to get to know everyone.



## **SUNDAY STARS**



Informal Worship for Little Ones and their Grown Meets on the first Sunday of the month from 9.00-9.30. In the Bishop Allenby Hall (next to the church)

## **GOOD COMPANIONS (Meet in church at 2.30pm)**

**Next meetings:** 18<sup>th</sup> March - Alan Wildman ' Worcester Castle and County Prison. 1<sup>st</sup> April - **EASTER Monday - No meeting.** 8<sup>th</sup> April - Car trip to Bonnie's café for tea and cake.

## **A Better Way to Give Regularly to Church**

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is administered by a charity controlled by various Dioceses The new scheme is a win-win situation - better for givers, and better for the church. There are booklets at the back of Church. If you want to know more, speak to Richard Hemmings, or look at PGS's website: [www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk](http://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk)

## **Church Services this coming week.**

Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
<b>Zoom only services</b>		
Monday & Wednesday	8.20am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday & Thursday	5.30pm	Evening Prayer

**Lent 5**

## **Next Sunday - Palm Sunday**

### **8.00am - Holy Communion**

Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a John Swindin  
Philippians 2.5-11 John Swindin

Gospel: Mark 14.1-15.47

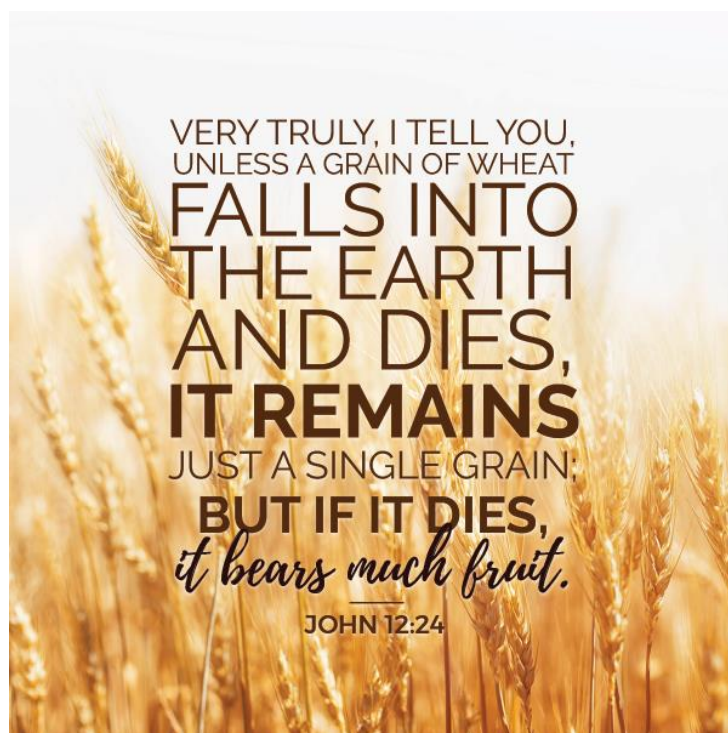
Intercessions: Clergy

### **10.00am - Family Service**

Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a Nigel Wake  
Philippians 2.5-11 Pat Kendall

Gospel: Mark 14.1-15.47

Intercessions: Judith Gerrard



**LITTLE STARS** ★ For babies to pre-schoolers and their parents/carers meets in church every Thursday afternoon in term time from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. ★  
Further details from Michelle Walsh (details below) ★

## **Open Church**

<b>Thursdays</b>	10.30am - 12.30pm
<b>Saturdays</b>	10.30am - 12.30pm



If you have any items for the pew sheet please e-mail them to: [mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com](mailto:mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com)  
Please send by Thursday - 10.00am if you wish it to be included in the following Sunday's pew sheet.

For church hall bookings contact Michelle Walsh at [mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com](mailto:mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com) or 07961 097497

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

## **Table Top Sale – Thank you!**

A massive thank you for all those who donated, came and bought and all those who kindly helped at the sale last Saturday. An amazing **£540** was raised with more still coming in. All funds will go towards the second classroom in Zambia. Margaret.

## **Chrism Eucharist at the Cathedral**

This year's Chrism Eucharist in the Cathedral will take place on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 11am**. You are very welcome to attend, including for a light lunch afterwards, but the Diocese has asked for an indication of numbers. Please let Lindsey or Margaret know by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March if you plan to attend and whether or not you would like lunch.



### **Here's some of the items we urgently need**

PASTA, TINNED MEAT, TINNED FISH, TINNED FRUIT, TINNED RICE, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE, LONG-LIFE MILK, TEA BAGS, INSTANT COFFEE, COOKING OIL, TOILET ROLLS, SOAP

**For the full shopping list please visit;**

[www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk)

There is a Foodbank collection box at the back of church for any donated items.

### **FOODBANK – NEW!**

Want to support our foodbank's use the brilliant **Give Today website** to order the items we urgently need - these will then be delivered straight to our door

😊 Right now we need items including baked beans, apple juice and long-life milk. You can order any of these and more online



<https://www.givetoday.co.uk/worcesterfoodbank/>

### **EASTER EGGS & TREATS!**

We are also collecting Easter Eggs and treats so please donate any Easter treats if you can!



Thank you for your continued support.

Please support our foodbank by purchasing our needed items online.



## **Craft & Chatter - Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sat -10.30-12.30**

Craft and Chatter starts on **March 23<sup>rd</sup>** 10.30-12.30 and will continue every 4th Saturday of the month. It will be held in the church and will run alongside Open Church. If you knit, crochet, sew, paint or any type of craft you are welcome to come along and spend some time with like minded people. It is open to all and all ages (children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult) so bring along family and friends. Any questions please do ask me, Kim Neale.

**Thank You** I wanted to say a massive thank you for all the cards, flowers and for the amazing support given at Michael's Funeral, it was tangible and lovely. Meriel xxx

## **North Worcester Churches Walk of Witness to Worcester Passion Play**

Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March in Cathedral Square at 10.30am. All are welcome.

See the timings below:

8.20 - St. John Baptist Church Claines 8.50 - St. Stephen's Church

9.00 - Ombersley Road Methodist Church

9.10 - St George's Church (Refreshments provided)

9.30 Continue into town

10.10 - Arrival at Cathedral Square

**Electoral Roll** - Under Church Representation Rules the Church Electoral Roll has to be revised each year before the APCM. The revision for 2024 will take place before the 5th of May. The revised Roll will then come into force for the APCM in mid to late May. Anybody who wishes to be a candidate or to vote for Churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod members to represent this Congregation and Parish must be on the Electoral Roll. As this is a revision, new application forms need only be filled in if members have changed name, address or contact details in the last 2 years, or if members of the congregation wish to join the Electoral Roll having joined our Church. Forms are available at the back of Church along with a box for completed forms. Please see Paul Kennett for further details if needed.